



Docket No. 15162/03880

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re:
U.S. Application of: Kenji TAKADA and Yoshio HAGIHARA
For: SOLID-STATE IMAGE SENSING DEVICE
U.S. Serial No.: 09/922,955
Filed: August 6, 2001
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Dear Sir:

REQUEST FOR CORRECTION OF ERROR
BY UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application, dated September 13, 2001, relating to Application Serial No. 09/922,955.

Attached hereto as Exhibit One is a copy of a Declaration by Patricia A. McLean, which is being filed concurrently in Application Serial No. 09/922,763. Ms. McLean states that the post card receipts for two documents which were filed as part of a single patent application (which has been assigned the serial number 09/922,763) bear the serial number 09/922,955.

Serial No. 09/922,955

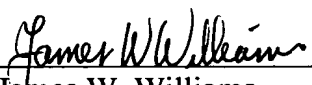
Thus, it appears that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has taken the papers for a single patent application, which were submitted in a single envelope, and has erroneously divided them into at least two piles and assigned different serial numbers to each pile.

It is respectfully requested that all of the papers which have become associated with serial no. 09/922,955 be restored to their original relationship with the papers which have become associated with serial no. 09/922,763, (in other words, that all the papers of application serial no. 09/922,955 be transferred to the file of application serial no. 09/922,763) and that serial no. 09/922,955 be cancelled.

When the papers are properly associated in a single application file, they include a complete specification, including one claim, drawings, authorization for the basic filing fee and an executed declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63. In other words they constitute a complete application.

As the problem is the result of an error by the United States Patent and Trademark Office rather than a missing element of an application, no fee is required. However, if a fee were to be necessary, please charge each necessary fee, other than an issue fee, not submitted herewith, to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood's Deposit Account No. 18-1260. Any refund should be credited to the same account.

Respectfully submitted,

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NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

A filing date has NOT been accorded to the above-identified application papers for the reason(s) indicated below.

All of the items noted below and a newly executed oath or declaration covering the items must be submitted within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice, unless otherwise indicated, or proceedings on the application will be terminated (37 CFR 1.53(e)).

The filing date will be the date of receipt of all items required below, unless otherwise indicated. Any assertions that the item(s) required below were submitted, or are not necessary for a filing date, must be by way of petition directed to the attention of the Office of Petitions accompanied by the \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h)). If the petition states that the application is entitled to a filing date, a request for a refund of the petition fee may be included in the petition.


- The specification is missing.
- The specification does not include at least one claim.
A complete specification as prescribed by 35 U.S.C. 112 is required.
- The application was deposited without drawings. 35 U.S.C. 113 (first sentence) requires a drawing "where necessary for the understanding of the subject matter sought to be patented." *Applicant should reconsider whether the drawings are necessary under 35 U.S.C. 113 (first sentence).*

The required items noted below SHOULD be filed along with any items required above. The filing date of this nonprovisional application will be the date of receipt of the items required above.

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 710.

Due Date: 11/13/2001
Initials: AMD

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.



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